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TOPIC ZERBST Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. An estimated four thousand Soviet Air Force troops were stationed at the ZERBST (E 52/D 98) airfield. Seven groups of ten fighters each with red propeller hubs were parked east of the hangars. Twelve twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of the fighters. About sixty jet fighters with one jet each were observed northeast of the hangars on the edge of the woods.

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2. About two hundred fighters were parked on both sides of the eastern end of the 11,500-foot runway.

Comment:

a. The occupation of the airfield by 70 fighters and about 60 jet aircraft, is considered credible although fewer jet aircraft were previously observed there. According to information of 17 September 1949, a train loaded with 22 aircraft, dispatched to the field, was observed in FRANKFURT/Oder. It is concluded that the number of jet aircraft at the field was increased between 17 and 28 September 1949. It has not been determined if the new jet aircraft form a unit or if they were assigned to the fighter regiments stationed in ZERBST.

b. The number of aircraft observed at the field on 29 September 1949 is unusually high and has not been confirmed.

only 30 to 40 fighters were parked there. It is assumed that the statement on the occupation of the field on 29 September 1949 is either wrong or that units from other airfields had temporarily landed there that day.

c. The reported length of the runway (11,500 feet) is approximately correct. Its real length is 10,500 feet.

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